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ESTABLISHING THE COLORADO OFFICE OF CONSUMER SERVICES, THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, AND THE CONSUMER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the cost of electric utilities has risen to unacceptable levels for many of Colorado's citizens and future costs are projected to rise still further; and

WHEREAS, Colorado consumers have not had the necessary resources and organization to effectively represent their interests before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Lieutenant Governor's Office has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to assist consumers with financial and technical resources to further their representation;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby create, pursuant to the power vested in me by Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and by C.R.S. 1973, 24-1-104, effective February 1, 1980, the Colorado Office of Consumer Services.

- 1) The Office of Consumer Services will be under the direction of the Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor will appoint the Director and select the members of the Consumer Advisory Committee.
- 2) The functions of the Office will include the following:
 - a) To provide mechanisms for financing and coordinating consumer interventions in regulatory commission proceedings, particularly residential consumers.
 - b) To minimize unnecessary duplication of effort by diverse consumer interests.
 - c) To generate factual information that supports consumer interventions in commission proceedings.
 - d) To directly intervene before the commission in behalf of consumers.
 - e) To develop and implement an approach for assessing the costs and effectiveness of consumer intervention efforts.

